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SENTIMENT WARLIKE

Venezuelan Consul Expelled From Willemstad, Curacao.

PROTECTED BY DUTCH SOLDIERS

People of Island Demand Protection Against Venezuelan and Cruiser Gelderland Is Sent.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, July 28.—The population here made a big demonstration against Senor Lopez, the Venezuelan consul, who retires, when he sailed on the steamer Maracaibo today. A large military force protected Senor Lopez on his way to the steamer and soldiers are patrolling the streets. The populace is overjoyed with the order of the governor exiling the Venezuelan consul.
The principal club here admitted everybody today on account of the occurrence, and there was great joy manifested when it became generally known that Senor Lopez had left.
The public demands from the government protection against Venezuela, and insists that a naval force shall be sent to declare that the traffic in arms and ammunition shall be free and to compel Venezuela to respect the Dutch flag.
The Dutch cruiser Gelderland, arrived here this morning and went first to the quarantine station. The cruiser had as a passenger M. de Reus, the Dutch minister who was expelled by President Castro. She has been ordered back to Venezuela to protect Dutch interests as their condition is now considered alarming.

INQUIRE INTO INCREASE.

Interstate Commerce Commission to Investigate Rates.
Washington, July 28.—The Interstate Commerce commission today issued a statement that without waiting for filing of complaints it will institute an investigation in its own motion for the purpose of determining whether advances in freight rates are justified.
"The commission," the statement says, "has no authority to suspend a proposed advance in rates and can order reduction of the advanced rates only as the result of an investigation after the advanced rates have become effective, but the commission, while it could make no order prior to the actual advancement of rates, has almost unlimited power of investigation, and it is understood that if the tariffs filed with the commission show increases the commission without waiting for the filing of the formal complaints, will institute an investigation on its own motion for the purpose of determining whether or not the advances are justified.
"Such general information would enable it to handle promptly any complaint which may be filed against advanced rates. The commission is having a close check kept of all advances in freight rates."

TYPHOON AT HONGKONG.

Wrecks Buildings and Steamers and Drowns Many Chinese.
Manila, July 28.—A destructive typhoon swept over Hongkong at midnight last night causing heavy loss of life among the Chinese residents and unroofing many buildings. The typhoon caused tempestuous seas, which resulted in several steamers being driven ashore.
The British steamers Persia and Schuykill and the coasting steamers Charles Harden and Laisang were battered against the shores, where at last reports they are still resting.
The crew of the British cruiser Astraea performed gallantly in attempting to rescue the Chinese crew of a junk. After battling desperately in the mountainous seas for over an hour, the Britishers succeeded in rescuing six out of a total of 13. The remaining seven were drowned. The property loss on shore will be heavy.

Edward Makes Peace Appeal.

London, July 28.—King Edward opened the seventeenth international peace conference here today with a strong appeal for peace. His majesty said that he was glad his efforts to bring about peace between nations were bearing fruit. Representatives from every civilized country on the globe were in attendance. The congress will remain in session a week, addresses by distinguished diplomats from Europe and the United States comprising the program of the sessions.

Gusher Shoots Up 1,500 Feet.

Mexico City, July 28.—Flames are shooting 1,500 feet in the air today from the oil well near Tampico, which has been burning for the past two weeks. Recent explosions have torn fissures in the earth surrounding the well and given new outlets to the fire. Experts said today that 90,000 barrels of oil are flowing from the well daily, making it the greatest gusher in history. There is little hope of extinguishing the flames now.

Scout Cruiser Completed.

Boston, Mass., July 28.—The Fore River Shipbuilding company today officially turned over to the Navy department the new scout cruiser Salem, whose recent trials showed her to be the fastest large ship of the American navy.

HARRIMAN WILL FIGHT.

Starts Suit to Prevent Lumbermen Getting Reduced Rate

Portland, July 27.—While the reduced transcontinental rates on lumber shipments from Oregon to the Middle West will go into effect on all lines on August 15, the Willamette valley lumber mill men have not won their final round, since the Southern Pacific company has opened fire from a new quarter and sued in the Federal court for an injunction against the Interstate Commerce commission's order cutting down the \$5 rate to San Francisco and bay points. The new attack by the Southern Pacific company will again check the lumber industry in the valley, as it clouds the future with uncertainty.

Temporary injunctions are regarded as very dangerous to business prospects, and especially so in this case. Although the railroads propose to give a bond to indemnify lumber manufacturers in event of losing the railroads' case in court, the alleged bond does not prove to be any protection to the lumber industry. No new lumber mill is going to start up and no old mill is going to resume business on the promise of a railroad company to reimburse the mill should a lower rate ultimately be made.

It is believed by well-informed lawyers that there does not exist more than one chance in 100 for the Southern Pacific company to win any important ground in the fight against railroad regulation as a result of its newest attack upon the validity of the Hepburn law. Should the company win this suit it would destroy the Interstate Commerce commission as at present created and organized.

DOUBT SULTAN'S GOOD FAITH.

People of Constantinople Accept His Trade With Stolidity.

Constantinople, July 27.—The momentous act of the sultan of Turkey in proclaiming yesterday the restoration of the constitution of 1876 has left the population of Constantinople unmoved. The aspect of the city is today perfectly normal and there have been no manifestations of satisfaction of any kind. The stolid fatalism of the Moslems, who for centuries past have been accustomed to a regime of personal rule and who are not used to political freedom, is thought partly to explain the apathy everywhere apparent.
Added to this is skepticism regarding the durability of the new era promised. Furthermore, past experience and the fact that the sultan conceded a re-establishment of the constitution under extreme pressure inclines the Turks to the belief that the concession is intended merely to surmount the present troubles and avert the threatened disruption of the empire, and that the earliest opportunity will be taken again to suspend the charter of liberty.

TOOLE UNDER CHARGES.

Waives Immunity and Denies Complicity in Land Frauds.

Great Falls, Mont., July 27.—On account of charges made in connection with state timber land in the Flathead valley district, an investigation has been in progress at Kalispell before Governor Norris, and land board and ex-Governor Toole, who was a member of the board when the sales under investigation were made. The charges are to the effect that the commission favored the big land companies by selling to them through dummies valuable timber land for less than it was worth. Several witnesses today testified that dummy names were used.

When Mr. Toole wished to take the stand attorneys for the complainants objected on the ground that to permit such testimony would grant immunity to any person so testifying. On behalf of the governor himself and the other members of the board, the attorney general waived such immunity.

Mr. Toole emphatically denied the charges made by Prodder, as did Mr. Galen, Secretary of State Yoder and Superintendent Harmon. Mr. McCrea also denied having made any such remark to Prodder. The investigation will be continued and Governor Norris insists he will go to the bottom of things.

Girls Sold as Slaves

Corunna, Spain, July 27.—Dozens of young girls believed to have been destined for the white slave trade which is said to be flourishing in Cuba, were taken from the steamer Isla de Panay here today, prior to her sailing, ostensibly for Tenerife. Embarkation of many young women on the vessel aroused the suspicions of the authorities and a raid disclosed the presence of many girls stowed away like slaves once were in the African trade. Many of them had been bought from their parents.

Chinese Steamer Line.

San Francisco, July 27.—At the Chinese consulate here today it was admitted that active steps are being taken for the formation of a fleet of vessels to ply between San Francisco and Chinese ports in opposition to the Japanese steamship lines. The action is said to be the outgrowth of the commercial warfare now being carried on by Chinese merchants against Japanese. The opposition will be against both the Japanese and the American lines.

Wool Market Reported Active.

Dillon, Mont., July 27.—The past week has been very active in the wool markets. Sales amounted to 250,000 pounds at prices ranging from 14 to 17 1/2 cents. At Lewistown the buyers and growers have deadlocked over prices, and the greater part of the three million pounds will be consigned.

RESTORE OLD RATES

Railroads Accept Decision of Interstate Commission.

NORTHERN PACIFIC IS LEADER

Securities Put Up by Mill Men Now Released—Submit Only for Time Being.

Tacoma, July 25.—It is officially announced by the Northern Pacific Railway company today that consideration given by the transportation lines to the recent decision of the Interstate Commerce commission on the question of rates on forest products has terminated in an announcement by railway lines that rates recently fixed by the commission will, as soon as possible, be put into effect by the railways—not that they think the rates are just, but they submit for the time being to the Interstate Commerce commission's order.

No application for temporary injunction against the order will be made, nevertheless the railways expect to bring suit urging that the rates are unreasonable and asking a determination in the courts to that effect.

This determination cannot, of course, be had until final hearing and decision in court; in the meantime it is understood the only legal rate will be that fixed by the commission, and even should the suit be determined in favor of the railways in the end, that determination cannot be retroactive, and will operate only from that time on.

It is also announced that the railway lines will settle for past business on the basis of the commission's rate, and upon such settlements being made, the security up in protection of the suit before Judge Hanford will be released.

SHIPPERS DEMAND PARLEY.

Ask Presidents of Eastern Roads to Conference on Rates.

Chicago, July 25.—Shipping interests of the entire country, represented by a committee especially appointed at a general conference of the shippers held recently in Chicago, decided at a meeting here today to ask presidents of Eastern railroads to meet them to discuss the proposed increase in freight rates. It was the unanimous opinion of the committeemen that before beginning a fight it would be wise to bring about such a meeting with the railroad officials, at the same time asking them to put no advance into effect until after the conference had been held.

While action on the rate situation was in progress, a long protest and appeal to the Interstate Commerce commission was being formulated by the National Industrial Traffic league, composed of scores of influential manufacturing and shipping organizations, at Manitou Springs, Colo.

NEW WIRELESS RECORD.

Point Loma Station Talks With Fleet 2,900 Miles Away.

San Diego, Cal., July 25.—A. R. Rice, chief operator and his assistants, H. V. Keifer and C. H. Randall, at the Point Loma government wireless telegraph station, hold the record for long distance work today, having talked with Admiral Sperry's battleship the Connecticut last night or rather this morning at a little past midnight. The Connecticut answered the first call of the station, and after identifying each other the battleship stated that she was then in longitude 165 west and between 9 and 10 north latitude on her way to Auckland, N. Z., from Honolulu. A little figuring shows that the point is close to 2,900 miles from San Diego, the previous record for long distance work being 2,600 miles.

Steel Trust Prospers.

New York, July 25.—That there is a gradual, steady increase in progress in all lines of business was the opinion expressed by the presidents of the various subsidiary companies of the United States Steel corporation at a meeting here today. Mr. Corey said the reports of the steel men present were uniformly favorable. He said that about 56 per cent of the finishing capacity of the various plants controlled by the United States Steel corporation were now in operation and that additional capacity would be put in.

Millions for Bay City.

San Francisco, July 25.—Plans that contemplate the expenditure of over \$10,000,000 in San Francisco harbor by the extension of the sea wall and the building of new docks will be presented to the governor, the mayor and the board of harbor commissioners soon. The plans have been drawn by engineers of the Federated Harbor Improvement association and provide for the handling of over 300,000,000 tons of freight annually from this port.

Headache Powder Fatal.

Monrovia, Cal., July 25.—Henry Canoll, 63 years of age, a merchant of this city, died suddenly at his home today. It is believed that a "harmless headache powder" hastened his end. He had suffered with heart trouble, for some time and was a frequent user of powders which contained acetanilid, a strong depressant, in dangerous quantities.

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